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Case 8390

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
France et al.

Serial No. 09/849,684

Confirmation No. 8926

Filed: May 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1746
Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin

Title: SYSTEMS FOR CONTROLLING A DRYING CYCLE IN A DRYING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a complete response to the Final Office Action, dated October 27, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue examination of the present application in view of the present amendments and accompanying remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.